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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

and

FEDERAL - STATE - PRIVATE COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEYS
for
WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE - SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE,
and

DEPARTMENT of CONSERVATION STATE of WASHINGTON

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AS OF
MAY 1, 1965

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

To Recipients of Water Supply Outlook Reports:

The climate of the cultivated and populated areas of the West is characterized by relatively dry summer months. Such precipitation as occurs falls mostly in the winter and early spring months when it is of little immediate benefit to growing crops. Most of this precipitation falls as mountain snow which stays on the ground for months, melting later to sustain streamflow during the period of greatest demand during late spring and summer. Thus, nature provides in mountain snow an imposing water storage facility.

The amount of water stored in mountain snow varies from place to place as well as from year to year and accordingly, so does the runoff of the streams. The best seasonal management of variable western water supplies results from advance estimates of the streamflow.

A snow survey consists of a series of about ten samples taken with specially designed snow sampling equipment along a permanently marked line, up to 1000 feet in length, called a snow course. The use of snow sampling equipment provides snow depth and water equivalent values for each sampling point. The average of these values is reported as the snow survey measurement for a snow course.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly beginning in January or February and continue through the snow season until April, May or June. Currently more than 1400 western snow courses are measured each year. These measurements furnish the key data for water supply forecasts.

Streamflow forecasts are obtained by a comparison of total or maximum snow accumulation, as measured by snow water equivalent, to the subsequent spring and summer or snowmelt season runoff over a period of years. The snow water equivalent measured in selected snow courses provides most of the index to the streamflow forecast for the following season. More accurate forecasts are usually obtained when other factors such as soil moisture, base flow and spring precipitation are considered and included in the forecast procedure. Early season forecasts assume average climatic conditions through the snowmelt season.

Listed below are the Federal-State-Private Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast reports available for the West which contain detailed information on snow survey measurements, streamflow forecasts, reservoir storage, soil moisture and other guide data to water management and conservation decisions. Soil Conservation Service Reports may be secured from Soil Conservation Service, 511 N.W. Broadway - Room 507, Portland, Oregon 97209.

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STATES			
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COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO	MONTHLY (FEB.-MAY)	FORT COLLINS, COLORADO	COLO. STATE UNIVERSITY COLO. STATE ENGINEER N. MEX. STATE ENGINEER
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MONTANA	MONTHLY (JAN.-JUNE)	BOZEMAN, MONTANA	MONT. AGR. EXP. STATION
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OREGON	MONTHLY (JAN.-JUNE)	PORTLAND, OREGON	OREG. STATE UNIVERSITY OREGON STATE ENGINEER
UTAH	MONTHLY (JAN.-JUNE)	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	UTAH STATE ENGINEER
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FEDERAL-STATE-COOPERATIVE
SNOW SURVEY AND WATER SUPPLY FORECASTS

For

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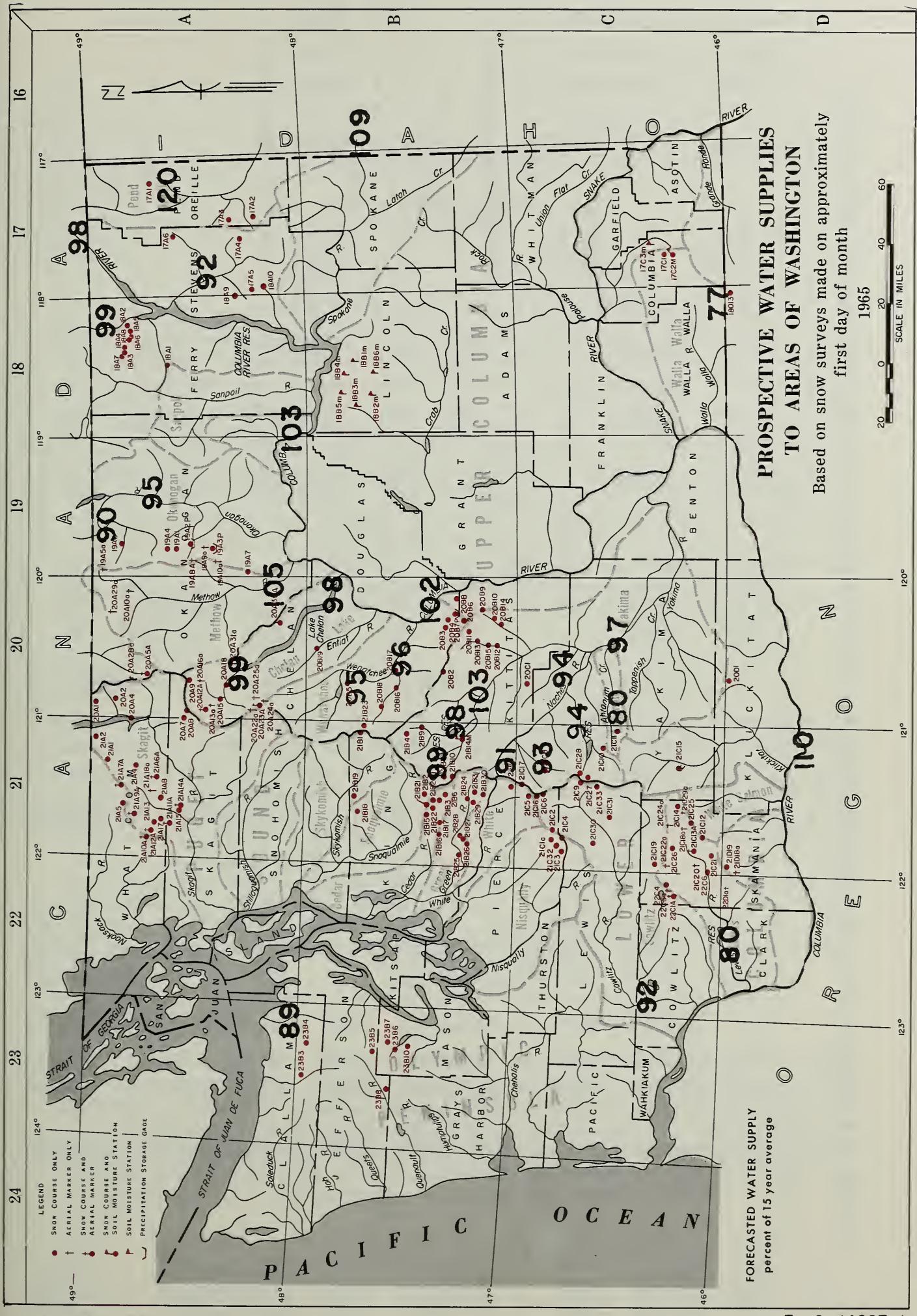
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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

State of Washington
May 1, 1965

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* The water supply outlook for irrigation and power in the State of *
* Washington is for adequate runoff during the 1965 spring snowmelt *
* season. There has been considerable deterioration of the snowpack *
* during the month of April at lower and middle elevations and only *
* a slight increase at higher elevations. The normal situation for *
* high elevations is a substantial increase in water equivalent dur- *
* ing the month of April. Precipitation in the state was generally *
* above normal while some of the surrounding tributary basins exper- *
* ienced well below normal rainfall. Runoff during the month of *
* April was normal or above on all major tributary streams as well *
* as the mainstem. Reservoirs have adequate amounts of water in *
* storage and are expected to fill with the spring runoff. *
* *

SNOW COVER

Many of the snow courses in the state and surrounding areas are not measured on the first of May because of the low elevation or it has been found that adequate information could be obtained from only April 1 reports. The snow courses that are measured have a great range when related to normal. Using just the courses that measured snow, the range was from 41% of normal to 198%. The Pend Oreille River has snow cover that averages 107% and ranges from 92% to 126%. The Kettle River measured by two courses averages 95%. The Okanogan has this above mentioned great range but averages 96%. The snow cover on the Methow is 87% and ranges from 95% to 74%. The other watersheds in the state all have similar snowpacks and similar ranges of individual snow course percentages.

RESERVOIRS

All reservoirs in the state reported, as of May 1, more water in storage with respect to normal except Banks Lake, Conconully Reservoir, Conconully Lake and Bumping Lake. While Conconully Reservoir and Lake are not expected to completely fill with spring runoff, adequate water should be available for irrigation purposes but holdover storage could be poor next year. The other mentioned reservoirs should fill with the spring runoff or have adequate water for all needs.

PRECIPITATION

The rainfall picture in the state and surrounding areas during the month of April was generally above normal. Only the Columbia River in Canada and the northwest slope of the Cascades reported an average of less than 100%. A few isolated stations reported extremely high rainfall, as much as 300% of normal, but this was not general throughout the state. The range of percentage of precipitation is from 27% of normal to the above-mentioned 300%.

SOIL MOISTURE

In the state, soil moisture is measured at only a few locations. Precipitation that occurred in the fall as well as valley precipitation later in the year are also indications of this soil moisture condition. Most of the soil moisture stations measured on the first of May indicate a little less soil moisture content in the soil mantle than in 1964 and 1963. There have been inadequate records on these stations to determine normals.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS - MAY '965

The following summarized runoff forecasts are based principally on mountain snow cover and on the assumption that precipitation and temperature will be near average from the present time to the end of the forecast period. Appreciable deviations from normal of temperature and/or precipitation will correspondingly modify these forecasts.

Basin, Stream and Station	Forecast Runoff 1965	Seasonal Streamflow in Thousands of Acre-Feet					15-Yr. Average 1948-62	
		% 15-Yr. Avg.	Fore- cast Period	Measured Runoff				
		1964	1963	1962	1948-62			

COLUMBIA BASIN

Columbia River System

Columbia River

at Birchbank 1/	41500	98	May-Sep	44217	38604	38085	42519
	32200	98	May-Jul	34170	28975	28269	33008
	22300	99	May Jun	21448	19469	18667	22475

Columbia River

at Grand Coulee 1/	65450	103	May-Sep	66239	52072	54091	63335
	53500	103	May-Jul	54148	41073	42873	52003
	40500	105	May-Jun	38302	29427	31640	38569

Columbia River

bl. Rock Island Dam 1/	70800	102	May-Sep	72608	56454	58923	69730
	59000	103	May-Jul	59531	44898	46818	57384
	44250	104	May-Jun	41916	32451	34499	42595

Columbia River

at The Dalles,Ore.1/	104160	110	May-Sep	100902	76867	77872	94841
	87750	112	May-Jul	83876	61720	62212	78671
	68500	113	May-Jun	61986	46210	47596	60426

Pend Oreille River System

Pend Oreille River

bl. Box Canyon	17470	120	May-Sep	16702	9974	12003	14549
	15700	119	May-Jul	15035	8952	10893	13215
	13200	120	May-Jun	12446	7355	9448	11043

Kettle River System

Kettle River

nr. Laurier	1730	99	May-Sep	1885	1181	1340	1754
	1625	98	May-Jul	1661	1120	1254	1654
	1460	99	May-Jun	1442	980	1117	1477

1/ Observed flow corrected for storage in any of the following reservoirs which are above the station: Kootenay Lake, Hungry Horse, Flathead Lake, Pend Oreille Lake, F. D. Roosevelt Lake, Lake Chelan, Coeur d'Alene Lake, Brownlee, Noxon Reservoir and pumpage at F. D. Roosevelt Lake.

Streamflow Forecasts - May 1965 (Cont'd)

Basin, Stream and Station	Forecast Runoff 1965	Seasonal Streamflow in Thousands of Acre-Feet						
		% Avg.	Fore- cast 15-Yr. Period	Measured 1964	Runoff 1963	15-Yr. Average 1948-62		
<u>Kettle River System (Cont'd)</u>								
<u>Colville River</u>								
at Kettle Falls	110	92	May-Sep	62	71	81	119	
	96	92	May-Jul	53	62	70	104	
	85	93	May-Jun	47	55	63	91	
<u>Spokane River System *</u>								
<u>Spokane River</u>								
at Post Falls, Ida. <u>2/</u>	2470	109	May-Sep			1763	2257	
	2360	109	May-Jul			1679	2160	
	2190	109	May-Jun			1572	2002	
<u>Okanogan River System **</u>								
<u>Similkameen River</u>								
nr. Nighthawk	1400	90	May-Sep	1778	1140	992	1556	
	1300	90	May-Jul	1629	989	909	1441	
	1120	92	May-Jun	1266	773	763	1221	
<u>Okanogan River</u>								
at Oroville <u>3/</u>	421	98	May-Sep	358	199	229	430	
	420	98	May-Jul	314	201	250	428	
	404	99	May-Jun	284	169	246	407	
<u>Okanogan River</u>								
nr. Tonasket	1710	95	May-Sep	1928	1150	1084	1804	
	1540	95	May-Jul	1693	990	970	1618	
	1290	96	May-Jun	1289	766	807	1350	
<u>Methow River System **</u>								
<u>Methow River</u>								
nr. Pateros	1125	105	May-Sep		819	545	1069	
	1040	105	May-Jul		743	482	987	
	880	106	May-Jun		624	395	831	
<u>Chelan River System</u>								
<u>Chelan River</u>								
at Chelan <u>4/</u>	1200	98	May-Sep		853	789	1221	
	1050	98	May-Jul		720	675	1070	
	820	101	May-Jun		573	500	814	

* Forecasts made by Morlan W. Nelson and J. Alden Wilson, Soil Conservation Service, Boise, Idaho.

** These forecasts are based in part upon base flow data especially prepared and furnished for the purpose by the U. S. Geological Survey.

2/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Coeur a'Alene Lake and diversions by Spokane Valley Farms Company and Rathdrum Prairie Canals.

3/ Observed flow corrected for storage and diversions.

4/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Lake Chelan.

Streamflow Forecasts - May 1965 (Cont'd)

Basin, Stream and Station	Forecast Runoff 1965	Seasonal Streamflow in Thousands of Acre-Feet						
		% Avg.	15-Yr. Period	Fore- cast	Measured Runoff 1964	Runoff 1963	15-Yr. Average 1962 1948-62	
<u>Chelan River System (Cont'd)</u>								
<u>Stehekin River</u>								
at Stehekin	850	99	May-Sep		644	632	861	
	720	99	May-Jul		524	517	728	
	545	102	May-Jun		405	370	535	
<u>Wenatchee River System</u>								
<u>Wenatchee River</u>								
at Plain	1170	95	May-Sep	1364	758	859	1238	
	1050	95	May-Jul	1191	668	756	1108	
	830	97	May-Jun	820	551	571	854	
<u>Wenatchee River</u>								
at Peshastin	1640	96	May-Sep	1812	1031	1183	1700	
	1490	97	May-Jul	1597	915	1050	1535	
	1180	99	May-Jun	1114	760	795	1191	
<u>Stemilt Basin</u>								
nr. Wenatchee	100*	--	May-Sep			146*	--	
<u>Yakima River System</u>								
<u>Yakima River</u>								
nr. Martin 5/	129	99	May-Sep	183	55	75	130	
	119	101	May-Jul	162	50	67	118	
	100	102	May-Jun	118	44	55	98	
<u>Yakima River</u>								
at Cle Elum 6/	880	103	May-Sep		457	584	857	
	800	104	May-Jul		397	509	772	
	680	105	May-Jun		340	420	645	
<u>Yakima River</u>								
nr. Parker 7/	1480	97	May-Sep		604	851	1533	
	1480	98	May-Jul		624	843	1505	
	1320	98	May-Jun		611	757	1343	
<u>Kachess River</u>								
nr. Easton 8/	110	97	May-Sep	153	44	71	113	
	105	99	May-Jul	139	44	65	105	
	90	99	May-Jun	106	39	56	91	

* Thousands of Miners' Inches.

5/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Lake Keechelus.

6/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Keechelus, Kachess and Cle Elum Lakes and diversion by Kittitas Canal.

7/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Keechelus, Kachess, Cle Elum, Bumping and Rimrock Lakes and diversions by Roza, Union Gap, New Reservation, Old Reservation and Sunnyside Canals.

8/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Lake Kachess.

Streamflow Forecasts - May 1965 (Cont'd)

Basin, Stream and Station	Forecast Runoff 1965	Seasonal Streamflow in Thousands of Acre-Feet					
		% 15-Yr. Avg.	Fore- cast Period	Measured 1964	Runoff 1963	15-Yr. Average 1962	15-Yr. Average 1948-62
<u>Yakima River System (Cont'd)</u>							
Cle Elum River							
nr. Roslyn 9/	440	98	May-Sep	533	242	312	449
	400	98	May-Jul	475	220	281	407
	330	99	May-Jun	353	190	227	332
Bumping River							
nr. Nile 10/	135	93	May-Sep	156	73	101	145
	124	94	May-Jul	140	66	90	132
	102	96	May-Jun	99	58	71	106
American River							
nr. Nile	111	91	May-Sep	123	71	81	122
	102	91	May-Jul	111	65	73	112
	82	91	May-Jun	82	55	57	90
Tieton River							
at Tieton Dam 11/	227	94	May-Sep	217	144	169	242
	190	94	May-Jul	182	114	136	202
	152	98	May-Jun	127	94	98	155
Naches River							
nr. Naches 12/	770	94	May-Sep		476	544	823
	690	93	May-Jul		414	471	740
	580	95	May-Jun		356	375	608
Ahtanum Creeks							
nr. Tampico 13/	36	80	May-Sep	31	30	30	45
	32	80	May-Jul	27	27	26	40
	28	82	May-Jun	22	23	21	34
<u>Lower Columbia River System</u>							
Mill Creek							
nr. Walla Walla	17	77	May-Sep		12	16	22
	13	72	May-Jul		9	12	18
	11	73	May-Jun		7	10	15
Lewis River							
at Ariel 14/	825	80	May-Sep		676	765	1030
	680	79	May-Jul		557	622	866
	560	78	May-Jun		466	530	720
Cowlitz River							
at Castle Rock 15/	2050	92	May-Sep		1482	1820	2236
	1740	91	May-Jul		1204	1509	1902
	1400	92	May-Jun		972	1214	1526

9/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Lake Cle Elum.

10/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Bumping Lake.

11/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Rimrock Lake.

12/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Bumping and Rimrock Lakes and diversions by Tieton, Selah Valley, Wapatox Canals and City of Yakima.

13/ Observed flow of North and South Forks (combined).

14/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Lake Merwin, Yale and Swift Reservoir.

15/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Mayfield Reservoir.

Streamflow Forecasts - May 1965 (Cont'd)

Basin, Stream and Station	Forecast Runoff 1965	Seasonal Streamflow in Thousands of Acre-Feet					
		% Avg.	Fore- 15-Yr. cast Period	Measured 1964	Runoff 1963	Average 1962	15-Yr. 1948-62

OLYMPIC PENINSULA

Dungeness River System

Dungeness River

nr. Sequim	141	89	May-Sep	120	109	158
	114	90	May-Jul	92	85	127
	82	90	May-Jun	64	59	91

RESERVOIR STORAGE - 1000 Acre Feet

BASIN or STREAM	RESERVOIR <u>1/</u>	USABLE CAPACITY	Measured (May 1)			Normal*
			1965	1964	1963	
<u>COLUMBIA</u>						
Spokane	Coeur d'Alene Lake	889.0	524.3	241.9	181.8	347.7
Columbia	Franklin D. Roosevelt Lake	5232.0	3252.9	2984.0	2795.0	3088.2
Columbia	Banks Lake <u>2/</u>	761.8	245.4	120.6	219.5	450.0
Okanogan	Conconully Reservoir	13.0	6.1	5.1	6.6	9.0
Okanogan	Salmon Lake	10.5	8.1	9.5	5.5	9.2
Chelan	Lake Chelan	676.1	369.3	121.8	357.9	239.2
<u>YAKIMA</u>						
Yakima	Keechelus Lake	157.8	122.2	74.5	157.0	111.3
Kachess	Kachess Lake	239.0	215.7	172.0	241.2	200.5
Cle Elum	Lake Cle Elum	436.9	387.3	143.1	416.4	328.4
Bumping	Bumping Lake	33.7	17.6	4.6	34.3	21.0
Tieton	Rimrock Lake	198.0	182.3	79.7	198.1	149.9
<u>PUGET SOUND</u>						
Skagit	Ross Reservoir <u>2/</u>	1202.9	839.1	718.0	1094.9	511.2
Skagit	Diablo Reservoir	90.6	85.1	84.0	86.7	85.2
Skagit	Gorge Reservoir	9.8	7.8	8.2	7.5	--

1/ Based on Active Storage

2/ Less than 15-year record in period 1948-62

* 15-year average 1948-62

SOIL MOISTURE - MAY

Drainage Basin and Station	Number	Elev.	Profile (Inches) : Soil Moisture Content				
			Depth	Total Capacity	(Inches) as of May 1	1965	1964
<u>CRAB CREEK</u>							
Creston-Kunz	18B1m	2440	48	13.6	10.49	10.79	11.00
Govan	18B2m	2100	48	13.6	Destroyed	11.38	11.91
Jack Woods	18B3m	2600	48	13.6	9.41	9.27	9.99
Krause	18B4m	2440	48	13.6	9.05	9.91	9.55
Sheffels	18B5m	2360	48	13.6	8.66	6.05	7.97
Wheatridge	18B6m	2200	48	13.6	8.38	7.93	8.73
<u>OKANOGAN</u>							
Trout Creek	3-M	3600	48	7.3	3.28*	4.37*	3.77*
<u>YAKIMA</u>							
Lake Cle Elum	21B14M	2200	48	12.8	9.03	9.12	12.30
<u>WALLA WALLA</u>							
Couse	17C3m	3650	48	11.1	10.79	9.63	9.63
Helmers	17C2M	4400	48	12.0	12.40	10.95	11.66

* April 1 measurement

FALL SOIL MOISTURE

Drainage Basin and Station	Number	Elev.	Profile (Inches) : Soil Moisture Content				
			Depth	Total Capacity	(Inches) as of Oct. 1	1964	1963
<u>CRAB CREEK</u>							
Creston-Kunz	18B1m	2440	48	13.6	5.43	5.12	9.40
Govan	18B2m	2100	48	13.6	Destroyed	5.79	9.95
Jack Woods	18B3m	2600	48	13.6	4.44	6.26	7.06
Krause	18B4m	2440	48	13.6	5.89	5.23	9.47
Sheffels	18B5m	2360	48	13.6	3.69	3.69	6.69
Wheatridge	18B6m	2200	48	13.6	4.10	4.50	7.49
<u>OKANOGAN</u>							
Trout Creek	3-M	3600	48	7.3	3.34	3.23	2.80
<u>YAKIMA</u>							
Lake Cle Elum	21B14M	2200	48	12.8	8.80	6.63	6.80
<u>WALLA WALLA</u>							
Couse	17C3m	3650	48	11.1	5.62	5.73	7.20
Helmers	17C2M	4400	48	12.0	6.01	5.75	7.60

PRECIPITATION 1/

Division Averages and Departures

DRAINAGE DIVISIONS	FALL		WINTER		SPRING	
	Sept-Nov. 1964 2/ Observed-Departure		Dec.'64-Feb.'65 2/ Observed-Departure		Mar-April '65 2/ Observed-Departure	
Columbia in Canada	7.56	+ 1.19	9.09	+ 0.30	1.23	- 1.75
Pend Oreille - Spokane	7.25	- 1.68	14.55	+ 2.36	3.89	- 1.12
Northeastern Washington	4.75	- 0.56	8.67	+ 1.39	1.86	- 1.13
Southeastern Washington	6.25	+ 0.38	10.89	+ 2.90	3.39	- 0.53
Central Washington	9.23	- 2.64	22.65	+ 3.95	3.24	- 2.39
North Central Washington	2.84	- 0.19	5.51	+ 0.82	1.65	- 0.12
Northwest Slope Cascades	21.73	- 2.31	37.39	+ 3.94	7.85	- 5.64
Southwest Slope Cascades	14.44	- 3.15	31.30	+ 5.17	4.94	- 5.67
Blue Mountains, Oregon	4.30	- 0.42	13.54	+ 6.31	2.70	- 0.75
Lower Columbia in Oregon	4.25	- 0.75	12.26	+ 4.08	1.89	- 1.26

Northeastern Washington - Lower Spokane, Colville, Sandoil and lower Kettle drainages

Southeastern Washington - Touchet, Tucannon and Palouse drainages

Central Washington - Yakima, Wenatchee and Chelan drainages

North Central Washington - Methow and Okanogan drainages

Northwest Slope Cascades - Puget Sound drainages

Southwest Slope Cascades - Lower Columbia drainages

1/ - Preliminary analysis by U. S. Weather Bureau from data furnished by Meteorological Services of Canada and U. S. Weather Bureau

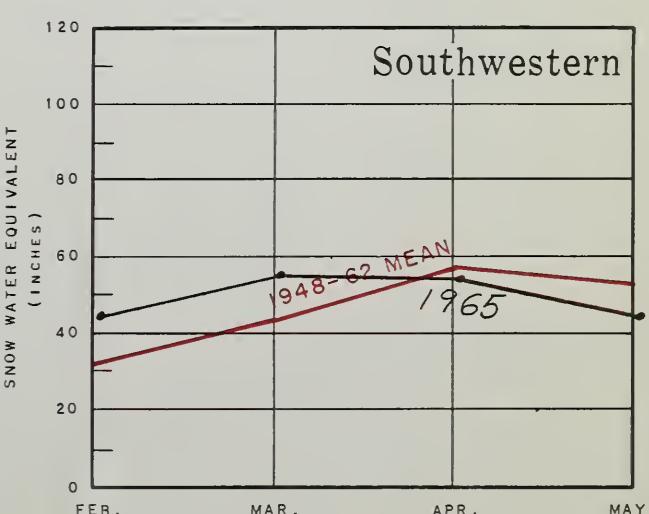
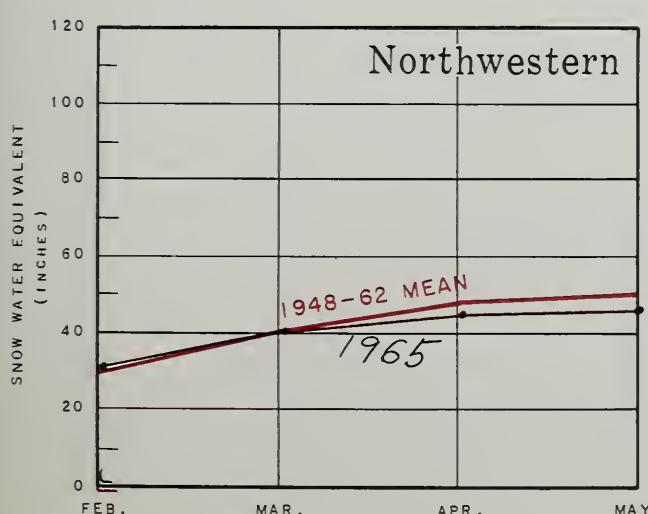
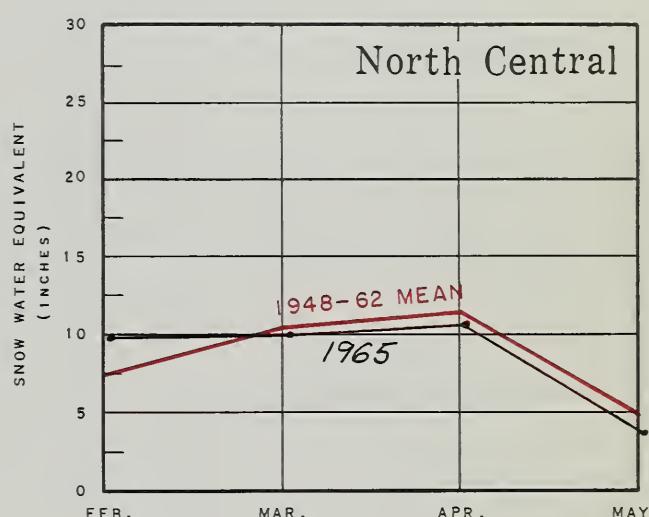
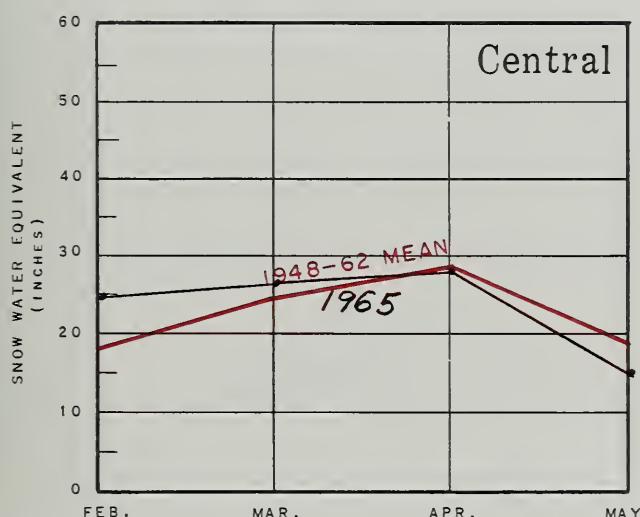
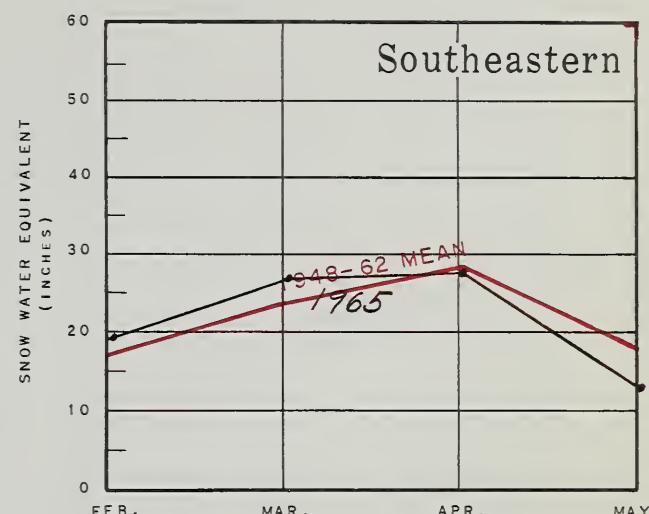
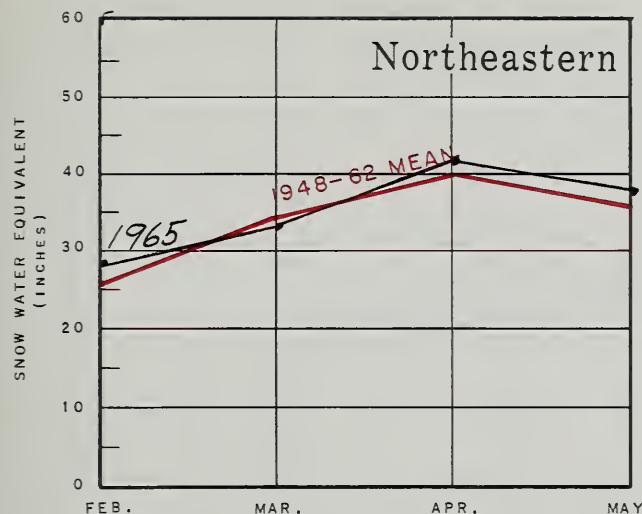
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WASHINGTON SNOW COVER

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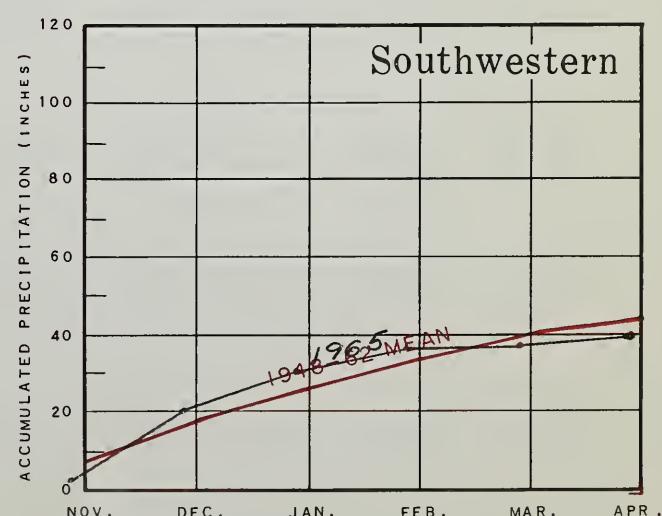
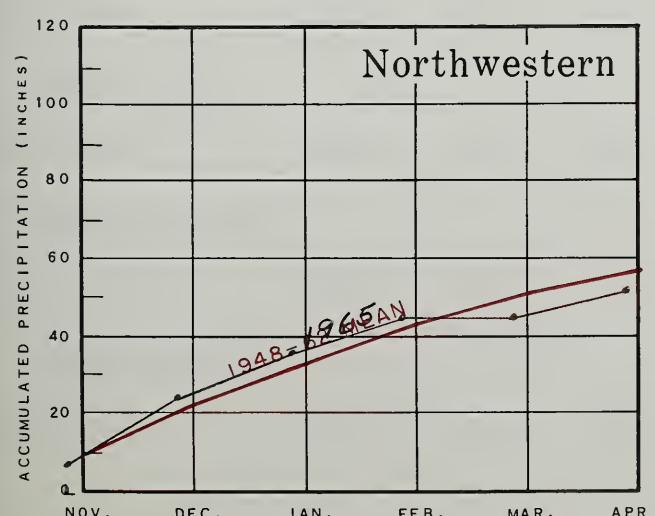
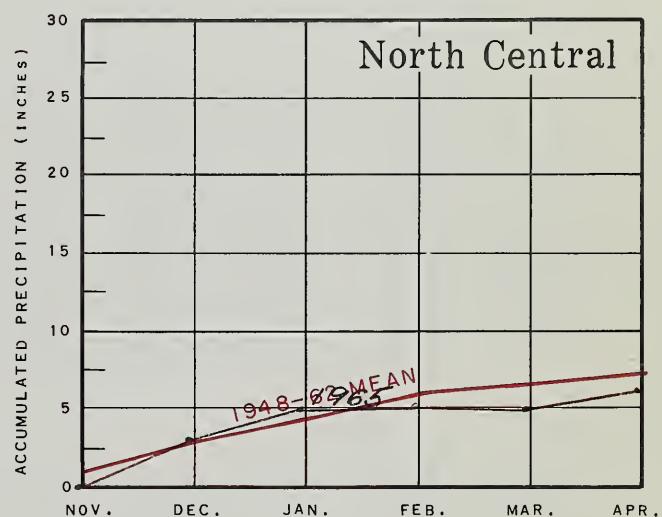
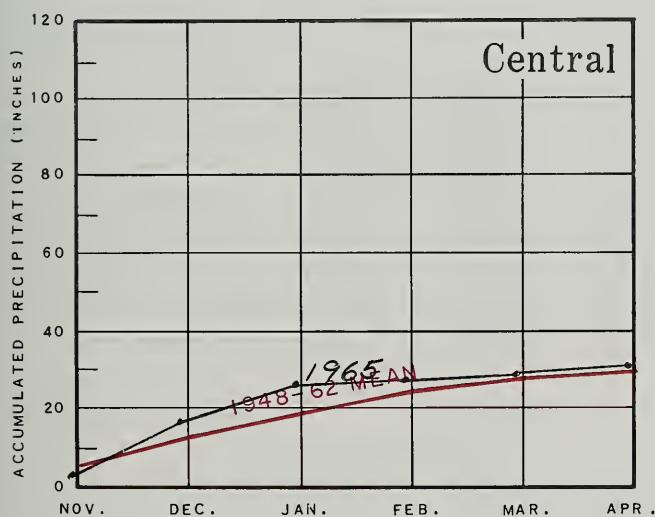
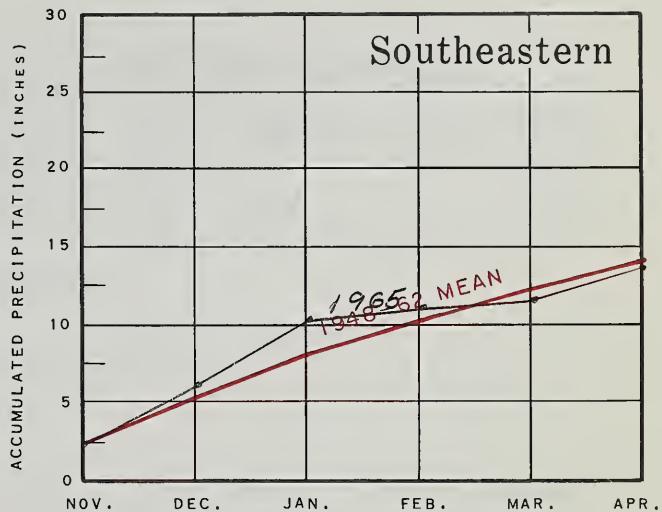
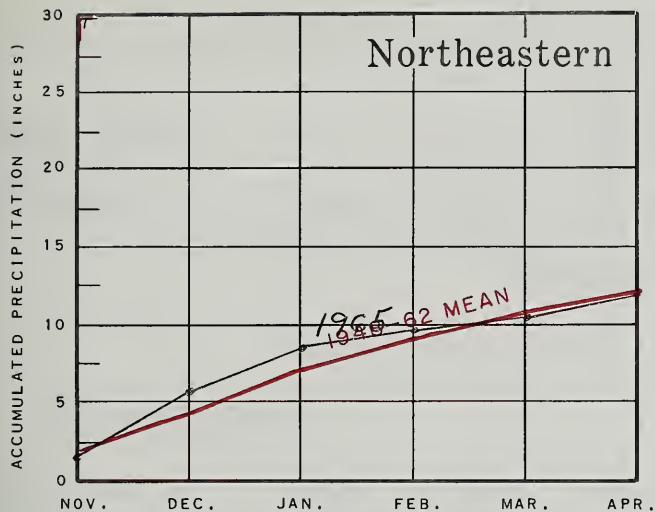
DRAINAGE AREAS



WASHINGTON VALLEY PRECIPITATION

1964 - 1965

DRAINAGE AREAS



APPENDIX 1

SNOW DATA MAY 1, 1965

DRAINAGE BASIN and SNOW COURSE	No.	Elev.	SNOW COVER MEASUREMENT						1948-62	
			1965		: Past Record		Date of Survey (In.)	Water Content (In.)		
			Date	Snow Depth (In.)	Water Content:	1964				

MID-MONTH SURVEYS

Snow Surveys made on or about April 15, 1965

WENATCHEE RIVER

Blewett Pass No. 2	20B2	4270	4/14	34	15.1	15.0	0.0	15.8*
Stevens Pass	21B1	4070	4/12	124	59.2	81.0	30.9	57.0*

YAKIMA RIVER

#Blewett Pass No. 2	20B2	4270	4/14	34	15.1	15.0	0.0	15.8*
Bumping Lake	21C8	3450	4/13	29	11.1	16.1	4.0	15.2*
Lake Cle Elum	21B14M	2200	4/14	0	0.0	1.9	0.0	2.6*
#Olallie Meadows	21B2	3625	4/13	117	57.6	85.2	20.8	54.3*
#Stampede Pass	21B10	3000	4/20	112	51.7	62.2	23.7	52.0*
Tunnel Avenue	21B8	2450	4/14	51	23.8	40.4	2.6	25.7*
White Pass(Ea. Side)	21C28	4500	4/14	61	27.6	31.1	13.6	31.1*
White Pass(Leech L.)	21C27	4500	4/15	69	32.8	42.2	12.5	--

COWLITZ RIVER

#White Pass(Ea.Side)	21C28	4500	4/14	61	27.6	31.1	13.6	31.1*
#White Pass(Leech L.)	21C27	4500	4/15	69	32.8	42.2	12.5	--
Ohanapecosh	21C32	2200	4/15	30	14.0	17.5	--	--
Pigtail Peak	21C33	5900	4/15	141	68.9	96.5	40.4	--

GREEN RIVER

Stampede Pass	21B10	3000	4/20	112	51.7	62.2	23.7	52.0*
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SNOQUALMIE RIVER

Olallie Meadows	21B2	3625	4/13	117	57.6	85.2	20.8	54.3*
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SKYKOMISH RIVER

#Stevens Pass	21B1	4070	4/12	124	59.2	81.0	30.9	57.0*
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Not directly on this drainage

* Adjusted 1943-57 average

APPENDIX 2

DRAINAGE BASIN and SNOW COURSE	No.	Elev.	SNOW COVER MEASUREMENT					
			1965		:P a s t R e c o r d			
			Date of Survey (In.)	Snow Depth (In.)	Water Content (In.)	Water Content (In.)	1948-62	1963

Snow Surveys made on or about April 15, 1965 (Cont'd)

BAKER RIVER

Dock Butte	21A11A	3800	4/15	144	67.8	106.6	46.1	--
Easy Pass	21A7A	5200	4/15	183	85.1	117.0	--	--
Jasper Pass	21A6A	5400	4/15	189	84.9	104.1	72.9	--
Marten Lake	21A9A	3600	4/15	166	78.3	107.5	51.1	--
Mount Blum +	21A18a	5800	4/15	168	79.0	99.8	--	--
#Panorama	21A5	4300	4/12	176	84.9	88.9	63.6	--
Rocky Creek	21A12A	2100	4/15	61	28.6	45.2	0.0	--
Schreibers Meadow	21A10A	3400	4/15	133	61.8	80.0	27.3	--
S. F. Thunder Creek	21A14A	2200	4/15	0	0.0	2.6	0.0	--
Watson Lakes	21A8A	4500	4/15	154	67.0	96.8	40.9	--

NOOKSACK RIVER

Panorama	21A5	4300	4/12	176	84.9	88.9	63.6	--
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* Adjusted 1948-62 average

Not directly on this drainage

+ Snow water equivalent estimated from aerial stadia observations

APPENDIX 3

SNOW DATA MAY 1, 1965

DRAINAGE BASIN and SNOW SURVEY	No.	Elev.	SNOW COVER MEASUREMENT					
			1965		:Past Record			
			Date of Survey	Snow Depth (In.)	Water Content (In.)	Water Content (In.)		
						1948-62	1963	Avg.

UPPER COLUMBIA DRAINAGEPEND OREILLE RIVER

Baree Creek	15B11	5500	4/29	88	45.2	58.8	31.4	49.1
Benton Meadow	16A2	2344	4/30	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0*
Benton Spring	16A3	4900	4/30	26	11.0	21.6	7.8	18.2
Boyer Mountain	17A2	5200	4/26	65	30.4	27.9	17.4	24.1*
Brush Creek	14A4	5000	4/28	26	10.2	12.4	8.2	10.7*
Bunchgrass Meadow	17A1	5000	4/28	61	30.1	33.1	22.5	28.6
Hoodoo Creek	15C1	5900	4/29	114	56.6	55.2	35.5	50.2*
Lookout	15B2	5250	4/27	82	36.6	44.3	25.2	36.4
Nelson	Canada	3050	4/30	13	6.0	13.4	0.0	5.2**
Schweitzer Bowl	16A6	4500	4/30	44	19.7	30.6	--	--
Schweitzer Ridge	16A5	6100	4/30	106	47.5	56.2	--	--
Smith Creek	16A1	4800	4/30	85	44.2	56.4	30.7	47.5*
Winchester Creek	17A3	2970	4/27	7	2.4	0.0	0.0	--

KETTLE RIVER

Barnes Creek	Canada	5300	4/29	39	18.9	24.0	17.3	--
Butte Creek	18A3	4070	4/26	16	7.1	5.2	0.0	--
Cabin Creek	18A8	3170	4/26	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	--
Carmi	Canada	4100	4/30	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	--
Farron	Canada	4000	4/30	16	7.1	11.9	2.1	--
Goat Creek	18A4	3595	4/26	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	--
Monashee Pass	Canada	4500	4/29	26	12.0	16.3	11.2	12.9**
Old Glory Mountain	Canada	7000	4/30	60	28.4	35.9	20.3	29.2**
Snow Caps Creek	18A5	2150	4/26	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	--
Snow Caps Trail	18A6	2720	4/26	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	--
Summit G. S.	18A7	4600	4/26	18	7.2	6.4	2.9	--

SPOKANE RIVER

Copper Ridge	16B2	4800	4/29	54	27.6	44.0	9.0	29.3
Forty-nine Meadows	15B3	5000	Not Measured			40.0	16.8	32.3
4th of July Summit	16B3	3100	4/27	0	0.0	3.2	0.0	--
#Lookout	15B2	5250	4/27	82	36.6	44.3	25.2	36.4
Lower Sands Creek	16B1	3400	4/29	39	16.6	28.8	2.2	14.2

Not directly on this drainage

* Adjusted 1948-62 average

** Average for years of record

APPENDIX 4

DRAINAGE BASIN and SNOW COURSE	No.	Elev.	SNOW COVER MEASUREMENT					
			1965		:Past Record			
			Date of Survey (In.)	Snow Depth (In.)	Water Content (In.)	:1964	1963	Avg.
<u>SPOKANE RIVER (Cont'd)</u>								
Outlaw Creek	15B12A	3750	Not Measured		16.5	0.0	--	
Granite Peak	15B13A	6000	Not Measured		53.3	--	--	
Medicine Ridge	15B4A	6150	Not Measured		52.7	--	--	
<u>OKANOGAN RIVER</u>								
Aberdeen Lake	Canada	4300	4/29	0	0.0	3.3	0.0	1.5**
Blackwall Mountain	Canada	6250	4/29	74	33.9	48.4	33.3	37.1**
Ecouleau Creek	Canada	5000	4/24	25	8.7	10.6	4.0	6.9**
Brockmere	Canada	3200	5/1	6	2.4	9.1	0.0	5.5**
#Freezeout Meadows	20A2	5000	4/27	71	33.2	37.1	17.2	33.7*
Hamilton Hill	Canada	4900	4/30	24	9.3	18.0	8.6	10.6**
#Harts Pass	20A5A	6500	4/30	101	47.5	52.8	44.2	51.6
Lost Actee Mountain	Canada	6300	4/30	33	10.6	13.2	7.5	9.4**
McCallum	Canada	4200	4/28	7	2.8	4.9	0.8	2.9
Missoula Mountain	Canada	5100	4/29	28	8.5	9.2	0.0	4.3**
Mission Creek	Canada	6000	4/30	48	21.1	23.9	18.4	21.3**
Monashee Pass	Canada	4500	4/29	26	12.0	16.3	11.2	12.9**
Mutton Creek No. 1	19A1	5700	4/25	21	8.5	8.0	8.0	9.9
Mutton Creek No. 2	19A4	6000	4/25	41	14.5	12.2	14.1	15.3
Nickel Pine Mountain	Canada	6200	4/29	28	8.1	12.8	5.8	8.3**
Pestill Lake	Canada	4500	4/29	11	4.1	7.8	3.4	6.6**
Rusty Creek	19A3	4000	4/25	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5*
Salmon Meadows	19A2	4500	4/25	11	3.8	3.2	3.5	5.1
Silver Star Mountain	Canada	6050	5/3	50	22.0	32.4	19.6	23.9**
Trout Creek	Canada	4700	4/30	11	3.7	6.8	2.1	4.9**
<u>METHOW RIVER</u>								
Harts Pass	20A5A	6500	4/30	101	47.5	52.8	44.2	51.6
#Mutton Creek No. 1	19A1	5700	4/25	21	8.5	8.0	8.0	9.9
#Mutton Creek No. 2	19A4	6000	4/25	41	14.5	12.2	14.1	15.3
#Rusty Creek	19A3	4000	4/25	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5*
#Salmon Meadows	19A2	4500	4/25	11	3.8	3.2	3.5	5.1

Not located directly on this basin

* Adjusted 1948-62 average

** Average for years of record

APPENDIX 5

DRAINAGE BASIN and SNOW COURSE	No.	Elev.	SNOW COVER MEASUREMENT					
			1965		Past Record			
			Date of Survey	Snow Depth (In.)	Water Content (In.)	Water Content (In.) : 1964	1963	Avg.
<u>CHELAN LAKE BASIN</u>								
Rainy Pass	20A9	4780	4/30	94	42.2	51.1	33.2	45.1*
Safety Harbor	20A30A	6300	4/29	61	24.7	--	--	--
<u>ENTIAT RIVER</u>								
Brief	20B19	1600	4/25	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	--
<u>WENATCHEE RIVER</u>								
Berne-Mill Creek	21B23	2925	4/28	40	18.2	33.7	0.0	--
Blewett Pass No. 2	20B2	4270	4/30	9	4.3	13.5	0.0	10.4
Chiwaukum G. S.	20B16	1810	4/28	0	0.0	0.4	0.0	--
#Fish Lake	21B4	3371	4/30	37	17.6	37.4	8.4	26.2*
Lake Wenatchee	20B5	1970	4/28	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	--
Leavenworth R. S.	20B17	1127	4/26	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	--
Merritt	20B18	2140	4/28	0	0.0	4.6	0.0	--
Stevens Pass	21B1	4070	4/28	106	54.7	79.2	29.3	54.8*
<u>SQUILCHUCK CREEK</u>								
Beehive Springs	20B3	4400	4/26	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	--
Scout-A-Vista	20B4	3400	4/26	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	--
<u>STEMILT CREEK</u>								
Jump-Off	20B8	4450	4/26	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	--
Stemilt Slide	20B6	5000	4/26	7	2.8	0.0	4.8	--
Upper Wheeler	20B7	4400	4/26	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	--
<u>YAKIMA RIVER</u>								
Ahtanum R. S.	21C11	3100	4/30	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0*
Big Boulder Creek	21B9	3200	4/30	0	0.0	15.9	0.0	5.8*
#Blewett Pass No. 2	20B2	4270	4/30	9	4.3	13.5	0.0	10.4
Bumping Lake	21C8	3450	4/29	12	4.5	12.8	1.5	10.5
Fish Lake	21B4	3371	4/30	37	17.6	37.4	8.4	26.2*
Lake Cle Elum	21B14M	2200	4/28	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	--

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APPENDIX 6

DRAINAGE BASIN and SNOW COURSE	No.	Elev.	SNOW COVER MEASUREMENT					
			1965		: Past Record			
			Date of Survey (In.)	Snow Depth (In.)	Water Content (In.)	Water Content (In.)	1948-62	
<u>YAKIMA RIVER (Cont'd)</u>								
Morse Lake	21C17	5400	4/30	116	53.2	66.7	43.7	70.8*
#Olallie Meadows	21B2	3625	4/27	91	49.1	87.2	17.3	48.9*
#Status Pass	20D1	4030	4/29	0	0.0	4.7	0.0	--
#Stampede Pass	21B10	3000	4/30	85	47.1	66.1	25.6	47.9*
Tunnel Avenue	21B8	2450	4/28	30	15.1	37.4	0.0	19.5
White Pass(Ea. Side)	21C28	4500	4/30	45	22.6	32.1	14.5	31.2*
White Pass(Leech L.)	21C27	4500	5/1	48	22.8	42.6	14.1	--
<u>AHTANUM CREEK</u>								
Ahtanum R. S.	21C11	3100	4/30	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0*
<u>LOWER COLUMBIA DRAINAGE</u>								
<u>KLICKITAT RIVER</u>								
Status Pass	20D1	4030	4/29	0	0.0	4.7	0.0	--
<u>WHITE SALMON RIVER</u>								
Cultus Creek	21C12	4000	4/29	73	38.4	55.4	23.0	52.1*
#Surprise Lakes	21C13A	4250	4/29	79	41.8	63.4	23.9	54.0*
<u>WIND RIVER</u>								
Oldman Pass	21D19	3100	4/29	17	9.4	19.6	20.0	8.8*
<u>LEWIS RIVER</u>								
Blue Lake +	21C22a	4800	5/2	136	70.7	92.0	65.2	--
Bob's Trail	21C21	2200	4/28	4	2.1	11.5	0.0	--
Calamity Ridge +	22D1a	2500	5/2	0	0.0	2.2	0.0	--
Council Pass +	21C18a	4200	5/2	48	25.0	50.5	15.9	35.7*
#Cultus Creek	21C12	4000	4/29	73	38.4	55.4	23.0	52.1*
Divide Meadow +	21C29a	5600	5/2	116	58.0	63.5	47.5	--
Grand Meadow	21C25	3500	4/28	38	19.7	25.4	9.5	--
Lone Pine Shelter	21C26	3800	4/27	77	40.6	53.2	23.1	--

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+ Snow water equivalent estimated from aerial stadia marker

APPENDIX 7

DRAINAGE BASIN and SNOW COURSE	No.	Elev.	SNOW COVER MEASUREMENT					
			1965		: Past Record			
			Date of Survey (In.)	Snow Depth (In.)	Water Content (In.)	Water Content (In.) : 1964	1963	Avg.
<u>LEWIS RIVER (Cont'd)</u>								
Marble Mountain +	22C5a	3200	5/2	15	7.8	50.1	4.8	--
New Muddy River	22C6	2000	4/27	0	0.0	0.0	--	--
Oldman Pass	21D19	3100	4/29	17	9.4	19.6	2.0	8.8*
Plains of Abraham +	22C1a	4400	5/2	103	53.6	75.4	43.6	83.4*
Smith Creek Road	22C4	2100	4/26	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Spencer Meadow +	21C20a	3400	5/2	0	0.0	27.3	0.0	--
Surprise Lakes	21C12A	4250	4/29	79	41.8	63.4	23.9	54.0*
Table Mountain +	21C24a	4200	5/2	63	32.8	51.9	27.0	--
Timbered Peak +	21D18a	3000	5/2	0	0.0	20.7	0.0	--
<u>COWLITZ RIVER</u>								
Ohanapecosh	21C32	2200	5/1	4	2.2	10.6	--	--
Pigtail Peak	21C33	5900	5/1	131	64.9	97.2	45.0	--
Plains of Abraham +	22C1a	4400	5/2	103	53.6	75.4	43.6	83.4*
#White Pass(Ea.Side)	21C28	4500	4/30	45	22.6	32.1	14.5	31.2*
#White Pass(Leech L.)	21C27	4500	5/1	48	22.8	42.6	14.1	--
<u>PUGET SOUND DRAINAGE</u>								
<u>WHITE RIVER</u>								
#Morse Lake	21C17	5400	4/30	116	53.2	66.7	43.7	70.8*
<u>GREEN RIVER</u>								
Stampede Pass	21B10	3000	4/30	85	47.1	66.1	25.6	47.9*
<u>SNOQUALMIE RIVER</u>								
Olallie Meadows	21B2	3625	4/27	91	49.1	87.2	17.3	48.9*
<u>SKYKOMISH RIVER</u>								
#Stevens Pass	21B1	4070	4/28	106	54.7	79.2	29.3	54.8*
<u>SKAGIT RIVER</u>								
Beaver Creek Trail	21A4	2200	4/26	11	4.8	8.4	0.0	6.6*
Beaver Pass	21A1	3680	4/27	62	29.3	41.9	13.7	37.1

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APPENDIX 8

DRAINAGE BASIN and SNOW COURSE	No.	Elev.	SNOW COVER MEASUREMENT						
			1965		P a s t R e c o r d			1948-62	
			Date of Survey (In.)	Snow Depth (In.)	Water Content (In.)	Content: 1964	1963		Avg.
<u>SKAGIT RIVER (Cont'd)</u>									
Devils Park	20A4	5900	4/30	92	43.8	55.3	38.4	49.4*	
Freezeout Cr. Trail	20A1	3500	4/30	20	9.0	13.4	0.8	9.4*	
Freezeout Meadows	20A2	5000	4/27	71	33.2	37.1	17.2	33.7*	
#Harts Pass	20A5A	6500	4/30	101	47.5	52.8	44.2	51.6	
Lake Hozomeen	21A2	2600	4/27	14	6.0	10.4	0.0	6.3*	
Meadow Cabins	20A8	1900	4/30	0	0.0	5.1	0.0	2.8*	
#Rainy Pass	20A9	4780	4/30	94	42.2	51.1	33.2	45.1*	
Thunder Basin	20A7	4200	4/30	60	25.5	34.0	14.1	29.3*	
<u>BAKER RIVER</u>									
Dock Butte	21A11A	3800	5/1	135	65.6	110.1	46.1	--	
Jasper Pass	21A6A	5400	5/1	189	84.0	121.0	76.6	--	
Koma Kulshan	21A17	800	5/1	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	
Marten Lake	21A9A	3600	5/1	158	73.6	115.8	48.5	--	
#Panorama	21A5	4300	4/28	163	83.6	99.8	62.0	--	
Rocky Creek	21A12A	2100	5/1	34	16.0	35.7	0.0	--	
Schreibers Meadow	21A10A	3400	5/1	118	57.8	92.3	36.6	--	
S. F. Thunder Creek	21A14A	2200	5/1	0	0.0	4.8	0.0	--	
Sulphur Creek	21A13	1600	5/1	0	0.0	14.1	0.0	--	
Three Mile Creek	21A15	1600	5/1	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	--	
Watson Lakes	21A8A	4500	5/1	144	64.8	98.9	44.5	--	
<u>NOOKSACK RIVER</u>									
Panorama	21A5	4300	4/28	163	83.6	99.8	62.0	--	
<u>OLYMPIC PENINSULA</u>									
<u>DUNGENESS RIVER</u>									
Deer Park	23B4	5200	4/27	47	18.7	26.9	--	26.6*	
<u>MORSE CREEK</u>									
Deer Park G. S.	23B13	4850	4/27	21	10.6	New Course			
Morse Creek	23B12	5425	4/30	75	33.7	59.5	--	--	
<u>ELWHA RIVER</u>									
Hurricane	23B3	4500	4/30	48	20.5	35.7	--	31.5*	

Not directly on this drainage

* Adjusted 1948-62 average

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Water Resources Service, British Columbia

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Washington State Department of Natural Resources

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